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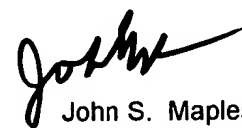
The reply filed on 1-8-2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omissions or matters: the statement that claims 8, 9, 20, 21, 32, 35, 37, 39 and 41 are withdrawn is unclear. A restriction requirement including these claims has not been issued in this case so their withdrawal is questioned. Does applicant intend to cancel these claims? Clarification is required. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John S. Maples whose telephone number is 703-308-1795. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:15 to 3:45.

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